

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL

CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS

Regular Meeting

December 19, 1957
10:00 A.M.

Council Chamber, City Hall

The meeting was called to order with Mayor Miller presiding.

Roll call:

Present: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Absent: None

Present also: W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager; Doren R. Eskew, City Attorney; Reuben Rountree, Jr., Director of Public Works.

Invocation was delivered by DR. EDMUND HEINSOHN, University Methodist Church, 2409 Guadalupe Street.

Councilman White moved that the Minutes of the Meeting of December 12, 1957, be approved. The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Mayor Miller brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1 OF AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE GRANTING TO ROY VELASQUEZ, DOING BUSINESS AS ROY'S TAXI, A FRANCHISE TO OPERATE A TAXICAB SERVICE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AND PRESCRIBING THE TERMS, CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS AND LIMITATIONS UPON AND UNDER WHICH SUCH FRANCHISE SHALL BE EXERCISED", FINALLY PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN ON THE 20TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1951, RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "Q", AT PAGES 666-671 OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, BY AMENDING SECTION 1 THEREOF PRESCRIBING THE NUMBER OF TAXICABS AUTHORIZED TO BE OPERATED, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND THREE (3) SEPARATE READINGS.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: Councilman Pearson

Discussion of application of ANTHONY A MACALUSO for permit to alter his shore line at 2702 Scenic Drive was held. Different suggestions were made, and finally it was decided to meet the applicants at 11:15. Later this time had to be cancelled.

Councilman Pearson moved that the L.C.R.A. be requested to start lowering the lake on January 20, 1958, for a two or three weeks' period. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Mayor Miller gave a statement to the press that it would be lowered five feet, and asked that publicity be given so that people who wanted to change their shore lines and put in piers to come to make application for such permits right away to the City Manager.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING TRANSFER OF THE FRANCHISE HELD BY JOHN SHUGART, DOING BUSINESS AS SHUGART TAXI, TO SHELBY S. TARTER, DOING BUSINESS AS STEVE'S CAB COMPANY EFFECTIVE 6:00 P.M. DECEMBER 23, 1957; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Pearson moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Pearson moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller introduced the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, JULY 17, 1941, AND RECORDED IN ORDINANCE BOOK "L", PAGES 152-174, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WHICH ORDINANCE WAS AMENDATORY OF THAT CERTAIN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING REGULATIONS AND DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, APRIL 23, 1931, AND RECORDED IN BOOK "I", PAGES 301-318, INCLUSIVE, OF THE ORDINANCE RECORDS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, THE AMENDATORY ORDINANCE HEREBY CHANGING THE USE DESIGNATION FROM "B" RESIDENCE DISTRICT TO "O" OFFICE DISTRICT ON LOT 1, OUTLOTS 41 AND 42, DIVISION "D", LONGVIEW TERRACE, IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS; ORDERING A CHANGE IN THE USE MAPS SO AS TO RECORD THE CHANGE HEREBY ORDERED; AND SUSPENDING THE RULE REQUIRING THE READING OF ORDINANCES ON THREE SEPARATE DAYS.

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Palmer moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Palmer moved that the rule be suspended and the ordinance passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Palmer moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Councilman Palmer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager, W. T. Williams, Jr., be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract with M. K. Hage under the terms of which the said M. K. Hage agrees to grant to the City of Austin for the purpose of widening South 1st Street approximately 5,233 square feet of land in exchange for

approximately 2,111 square feet of land to be vacated by the City in the realignment of the intersection of Barton Springs Road and South 1st Street and providing that the City shall effect such realignment and make such current street improvements at its own expense.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

THAT the City Council of the City of Austin hereby approves as a filling station site the property located at the northeast corner of Koenig Lane and Grover Avenue which property fronts 150 feet on Koenig Lane and 140.24 feet on Grover Avenue, and is known as the west 60 feet of Lot 8 and all of Lot 7 except the west 5 feet thereof, of Block Y of Violet Crown Heights Section 2 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and hereby authorizes the said John H. B. Roberts to construct, maintain, and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps, and sidewalks in conjunction therewith subject to the same being constructed in compliance with all ordinances relating thereto, and further subject to the foregoing attached recommendations and plans. The Building Inspector is hereby authorized to issue an occupancy permit for the operation of this filling station after full compliance with all the provisions of this resolution, and said permission shall be held to be granted and accepted to all necessary, reasonable and proper, present and future regulations and ordinances of the City of Austin, Texas, in the enforcement of the proper Police, Traffic and Fire regulations; and the right of revocation is retained, if after hearing it is found by the City Council that the said John H. B. Roberts has failed and refused and will continue to fail and refuse to perform any such conditions, regulations, and ordinances.

(Recommendations attached)

"December 19, 1957

"Mr. W. T. Williams, Jr.
City Manager
Austin, Texas

"Dear Sir:

"We, the undersigned, have considered the application of John H. B. Roberts for permission to construct, maintain, and operate a drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct commercial driveways in conjunction therewith upon the property located at northeast corner of Koenig Lane and Grover Avenue which property fronts 150 feet on Koenig Lane and 140.24 feet on Grover Avenue, and is known as the west 60 feet of Lot 8 and all of Lot 7 except the west 5 feet thereof, of Block Y of Violet Crown Heights Section 2 in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas, and the property upon which this filling station

is to be located is owned by John H. B. Roberts and is to be leased to Sinclair Refining Company. We hereby advise that the following conditions exist.

"The property upon which this filling station is to be located is designated as Local Retail Use District upon the zoning maps of the City of Austin.

"All drainage, natural or otherwise, from this filling station is to be disposed of in such a manner that such drainage will not flow across the sidewalk area into the street, and furthermore, shall not create a nuisance to others in the neighborhood. It is understood that the disposal of such drainage shall be entirely the responsibility of the property owner. Any waste connection to a storm sewer which empties into an open drainageway shall be discontinued, if the waste becomes a nuisance or damages any property or rights of others in the vicinity of the open drainageway.

"We recommend that John H. B. Roberts be granted permission to construct, maintain, and operate said drive-in gasoline filling station and to construct curbs, ramps and sidewalks in conjunction therewith subject to the following conditions.

"(1) That all buildings and equipment shall be placed inside of the property line; correct lines to be obtained before construction starts or equipment is installed. Lines and grades to be obtained from the Department of Public Works for entrances and driveways; building lines to be approved by the City Building Inspector. That the applicant shall confer with the Department of Public Works as to future grades of the sidewalks and gutters on the adjacent streets before he starts any construction relative to the filling station.

"(2) That only underground tanks shall be used, and that all pumps shall be so located that it will be impracticable to service motor vehicles therefrom while said motor vehicles are standing on any part of a sidewalk, street, or alley.

"(3) That the gasoline tanks, pumps, and all equipment used in connection with the storage and handling of gasoline shall be an approved type and shall bear the label of Underwriters Laboratories, Inc., and that all construction of the filling station improvements shall be in accordance with the Building Ordinance, the Zoning Ordinance, the Filling Station Ordinance, and in accordance with the ordinance prohibiting the disposal of commercial water or oils upon the City Streets.

"(4) That the grades of the station shall be such that no waste water or oils or any floor washings shall ever pass over the City sidewalk area and that all of the said oils and water shall be concentrated into a combined grease and sand trap which shall be constructed in accordance with our standard plan 2 - H - 146.

"(5) That all filling station improvements, pump islands, driveways, ramps, gutters, sidewalks, and curbs shall be constructed of concrete at the expense of the applicant as set forth upon the plan, hereto attached, which plan bears the Department of Public Works file number 2 - H - 1541.

"(6) Expansion joints shall be constructed as shown upon the plan, hereto attached, marked 2 - H - 1541 and shall be of the pre-moulded type.

"(7) When the owner considers that he has complied with all the requirements of the City of Austin for filling stations, he shall apply for a final inspection, and upon approval, the Building Inspector shall issue a Certification of Operation before such filling station can be put into service.

"Respectfully submitted,
(Sgd) S. Reuben Rountree, Jr.
Director of Public Works
(Sgd) J. C. Eckert
Building Inspector"

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Mayor Miller brought up the following ordinance for its third reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 10.24 ACRES OF LAND OUT OF THE ISAAC DECKER LEAGUE IN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the third time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be finally passed. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The Mayor announced that the ordinance had been finally passed.

Mayor Miller brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 19.00 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THE THOMAS ELDRIDGE SURVEY NO. 26 AND THE DINSMORE SIMPSON SURVEY NO. 27, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND AFJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Mayor Miller brought up the following ordinance for its second reading:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 1.54 ACRES OF LAND MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF BARTON HILLS SECTION 4, A SUBDIVISION OF A PORTION OF THE HENRY P. HILL SURVEY ABSTRACT NO. 14, WHICH LIES PARTLY WITHIN AND PARTLY WITHOUT THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The ordinance was read the second time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its third reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Long introduced the following ordinance and moved that it be published in accordance with Article 1, Section 6 of the Charter of the City of Austin:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION OF CERTAIN BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN ADDITIONAL TERRITORY CONSISTING OF 17.16 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, SAME BEING OUT OF AND A PART OF THAT CERTAIN 120 ACRE TRACT OF LAND OUT OF THE JAMES TRAMMEL SURVEY NO. 4, IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TEXAS, WHICH SAID ADDITIONAL TERRITORY LIES ADJACENT TO AND ADJOINS THE PRESENT BOUNDARY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IN PARTICULARS STATED IN THE ORDINANCE.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The ordinance was read the first time and Councilman Long moved that the ordinance be passed to its second reading. The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

With reference to annexing property, the City Manager recommended that a policy be established to require developers that expect to put in a subdivision during 1959 to bring it in during 1958, if they expect to get a refund contract. At this time, he stated, there was no such policy.

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, there has been submitted to the Building Inspector, the application of Ross T. Gault for a building permit together with a site plan dated December 18, 1957, meeting the requirements of Section 10-B, 3 of the Zoning Ordinance of the City, for certain building establishment at 1000 San Antonio Street, more particularly described in said application; and,

WHEREAS, it had been found and determined by the City Council of the City of Austin that, based upon the use of the premises for the purpose of an office building use the maximum number of parking spaces which will probably be used by employees and customers of such establishment, taking into account the loading facilities on the site, the public parking areas and street space available for parking in the vicinity, public safety, and free circulation of traffic both on and off the site, is five parking spaces; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the existing five (5) spaces is an adequate number of parking spaces for the establishment shown on the site plan of the proposed alterations dated December 18, 1957, for use of the premises for the purpose of an office building.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman White offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, bids were received by the City of Austin on December 13, 1957, for eleven items of automotive equipment for use by the Recreation Department and the Electric Department of the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of Capitol Chevrolet, Inc. in the sum of \$1,171.43 and trade-in for one 1958 pickup, in the sum of \$2,854.48 and trade-in for one 1958 dump truck, in the sum of \$1,493.48 and trade-in for one 1-ton cab and chassis, in the sum of \$1,593.48 for one 1-ton cab and chassis, in the sum of \$1,434.09 for one 3/4 ton cab and chassis and in the sum of \$4,503.96 and trade-ins for three 3/4-ton pickups, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bids of A. J. Maloney Co. in the sum of \$2,541.72 for one 2-1/2 ton cab and chassis and in the sum of \$2,541.72 for one 2-1/2 ton cab and chassis, were the lowest and best bids therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the bid of Armstrong-Johnson in the sum of \$1,761.00 for one sedan was the lowest and best bid therefor; and,

WHEREAS, the acceptance of such bids has been recommended by the Purchasing Agent and by the City Manager; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the bids of Capitol Chevrolet, Inc. in the sums of \$1,171.43 and trade-in for one 1958 pickup, in the sum of \$2,854.48 and trade-in for one 1958 dump truck, in the sum of \$1,493.48 and trade-in for one 1-ton cab and chassis, in the sum of \$1,593.48 for one 1-ton cab and chassis, in the sum of \$1,434.09 for 3/4-ton cab and chassis and in the sum of \$4,503.96 and trade-ins for three 3/4-ton pickups; and the bids of A. J. Maloney Co. in the sum of \$2,541.72 for one 2-1/2 ton cab and chassis and in the sum of \$2,541.72 for one 2-1/2 ton cab and chassis; and the bid of Armstrong Johnson in the sum of \$1,761.00, for one sedan, be and the same are hereby accepted, and W. T. Williams, Jr., City Manager of the City of Austin is hereby authorized and directed to execute contracts on behalf of the City of Austin with said parties.

The motion, seconded by Councilman Palmer, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

The City Manager had filed a progress report on the sewer construction. Councilman Palmer complimented him on the way it was submitted, and stated it was the best way to set it up. The City Manager stated similar reports would be filed monthly, although he would give a weekly report on the various projects.

Councilman Pearson inquired about the notification to people when a line was complete, and that they could get connections made. He had one request where a person had the money up for many months, and the line was complete, but the person was never notified that they could tie on. The City Manager explained the policy that had been followed and stated if within a certain time, they were contacted and required to make connections. Up to that dead-line time, the privilege of connecting on had been left up to the owners, after the line was complete. This one particular line was different, as individual services would not be made to the main line, but with another line that would go down the street. It will be necessary to get more of the people to sign up before they can complete the service. (Particular line in question is the Tannehill Branch)

The Council discussed the new paving program, and the City Manager went over the recommendation. One recommendation was to notify the property owner if he brought in the money by a certain date, he would be charged on the flat rate; if he did not, he would be liable for the amount of assessment whatever it might be depending on the bid price--full amount for curb and gutter and 9/10th of the balance, as against the flat rate. The city would not pay the difference. Another part of his recommendation was to make arrangements with the banks to take the notes the City would receive off the city's hands. Mention was made of the percentage necessary to proceed on a voluntary basis--50% or 60%. The City Manager listed the three situations that would be involved in the paving: where there is a public need for paving and citizens other than the property owners on the street request paving; where there is heavy maintenance costs and paving is necessary; and where property owners themselves petition for the paving. Councilman Long asked that the City Manager put the recommendation in writing for study. The Council discussed a date to put the new paving policy into effect, and January 2nd, 1958 was a suggested date.

Councilman Palmer offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the City Manager be and he is hereby authorized and directed to advertise for bids on the sale of Bonds of the City of Austin at 10:00 A.M., January 30, 1958, as follows:

Municipal Airport General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	\$ 300,000.00
Parks and Playground General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956 . .	200,000.00
Rights-of-way General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	200,000.00
Hospital Improvement Bonds, authorized at an election May 7, 1946	100,000.00
Streets, Bridges and Drainageway General Obligation Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	<u>1,200,000.00</u>
General Obligation Bonds Total. .	\$2,000,000.00
Electric Light and Power System Revenue Bonds authorized at an election May 12, 1956 . .	\$4,650,000.00
Waterworks System Revenue Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	1,250,000.00
Sewer System Revenue Bonds, authorized at an election May 12, 1956	<u>850,000.00</u>
Revenue Bonds Total	\$6,750,000.00

Advertisements for such bids shall be in the usual and customary form and shall be published at least once in The Austin Statesman, Austin, Texas, and in The Bond Buyer, New York, New York, and in addition shall be given such circulation as will invite attention to the proposed sale. The right shall be reserved to the City of Austin to reject any and all bids, and advertisements shall direct the filing of sealed bids to be opened by the City Council at a regular meeting held for such purpose in the City Hall at the time and date hereinbefore set forth.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Long offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

(RESOLUTION)

WHEREAS, Judge Ben H. Powell and wife, Marian R. Powell, have offered to deed the City of Austin .42 of an acre of land adjoining Pease Park in the City of Austin; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Austin considers this tract to be a beneficial and useful addition to Pease Park, for park and other purposes; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

That the deed from Ben H. Powell and wife, Marian R. Powell, to the City of Austin, dated December 16, 1957, conveying .42 of an acre, be and the same is hereby accepted by the City of Austin with gratitude and for the purposes specified therein.

The motion, seconded by Councilman White, carried by the following vote:
Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman White moved that one-half day on Tuesday, December 24th, be observed as a Holiday by City Employees. The motion, seconded by Councilman Pearson, carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmen Long, Palmer, Pearson, White, Mayor Miller
Noes: None

Councilman Pearson asked for a progress report from the Electric Utilities. The City Manager stated this would be furnished.

Councilman Long asked for a progress report on paving. The Director of Public Works stated the report would begin with the bond program and would include all the work done on streets, bridges, etc.

The Council decided to make a personal inspection of the proposed Chamber of Commerce location on the Butler Tract.

The Council agreed informally to grant the request of the Texas Military District to have traffic rerouted and no parking on 8th Street during the special ceremonies on January 6th. The request was granted previously for January 2nd, but the date had been changed to the 6th.

Sketches of the Recreation Building were displayed by the City Manager. Different members of the Council approved the construction of the building on the site as worked out previously on the Butler tract.

The Council decided to discuss bids for the Auditorium seats on Monday, December 23rd.